

(b) whether the Government have received representations to shift the Headquarters of the Corporation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) The details of the mines of National Mineral Development Corporation Limited are as under :—

(A) PRODUCTION PROJECTS:

- (1) Bailadila Iron Ore Project, Deposit No. 14 & 11c Kirandul, Distt, Bastar, Madhya Pradesh.
- (2) Bailadila Iron Ore Project, Deposit No. 5, Bacheli, Distt. Bastar, Madhya Pradesh.
- (3) Bailadila Iron Ore Deposit No. 10 & 11A, Bacheli, Distt. Bastar, Madhya Pradesh (Under construction).
- (4) Donimalai Iron Ore Project, Bellary, Karnataka.
- (5) Diamond Mining Project, Panna, Madhya Pradesh.
- (6) Chawandia Limestone Project, Chawandia, Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

(B) NEW PROJECTS UNDER PREPARATION/ INVESTIGATION UNITS :

- (1) Arki Limestone Project, Solan, Himachal Pradesh.
- (2) Geological Investigation Unit, Chandralapadu, Andhra Pradesh.
- (3) Geological Investigation Unit at Kotmisonar, Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh.
- (4) Bailadila Iron Ore Deposit, 11-B, Bastar, Madhya Pradesh.
- (5) Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Deposit, Karnataka.

(b) to (d) The Government have received representations to shift the Headquarters of NMDC from Hyderabad.

The activities of the Corporation are spread all over India. In addition to the mines which are presently under NMDC, Kudremukh Iron Ore Mines in Karnataka, Kiriburu & Meghataburu Mines in Bihar, Khetri Copper Mines in Rajasthan, and Phosphates mine in Mussorie, U.P., which were subsequently attached to other Public Sector Undertakings, were also under NMDC initially. The Government of India taking into consideration various activities of the Corporation all over India ordered shifting of its headquarters from New Delhi to Hyderabad in the year 1972. Even at present, NMDC's mines are located in different States and new projects are likely to be taken up in States other than Madhya Pradesh. In view of this,

shifting of headquarters from Hyderabad to any other place is not under contemplation.

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**Contract to APTECH**

5516. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India awarded any contract to Apple Technology (APTECH) including training on ISO 9000 during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total expenditure on the above contracts ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Air India awarded contract to Apple Technology (APTECH) for consultancy assignment for certification of ISO 9000 aimed at streamlining the documentation for improvement of their product. Rs. 1.8 lakhs has so far been paid to APTECH out of the total contract amount of Rs. 2.75 lakhs.

**Expansion of Alumina Plant**

5517. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received for expansion of Alumina Plant during each of last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases cleared so far, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for pendency of the remaining cases; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (d) As per the industrial policy, to encourage private sector investment in the aluminium sector, aluminium industry has been exempted from the provision of compulsory licensing. However, a proposal has been received from National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines for expansion project of their Bauxite Mines and Alumina Refinery. The proposal has been cleared by the Public Investment Board (PIB).

**Central Schemes**

5518. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Central Schemes designed to ameliorate the socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes communities alongwith the financial outlays provided to each State thereunder;